

REMARKS

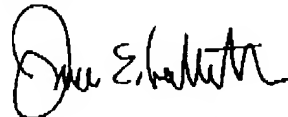
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the response filed May 18, 2004, the above amendments and the following remarks.

Each of the independent claims has been revised for clarity to reflect that the CRC bits are plural and to recite that each of the code blocks has one of the CRC-bits as a last bit thereof. This limitation further distinguishes the claims over USPN 5844918 to Kato.

For the reasons noted above and in the response filed May 18, 2004, it is submitted that the present claims are allowable over Kato, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain that may be best resolved through a telephone communication, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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